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SUBJECT: HAWK MISSILES

REF: STATE 222333

1. DELIVERED MESSAGE TO RIFAI EARLY MORNING HOURS SEPTEMBER 18. AFTER OUR INITIAL DISCUSSION. HE SAID THAT HE WANTED TO DISCUSS WITH KING AND ASKED ME TO CALL AT HIS OFFICE 9:30 LOCAL FROM WHICH MEETING I HAVE JUST COME.

2. RIFAI SAID THAT MESSAGE DID NOT CHANGE THEIR CONCERN. WHAT IS IMPORTANT FOR JORDAN NOW IS NOT HAWKS BUT KING'S POSITION AND DIGNITY. HE SAID WE ARE ISSUEING A STATEMENT WHICH WILL NOT TURN DOWN SALE, BUT WHICH WILL SAY (HE READ ME ROUGH TRANSLATION FROM ARABIC) THAT JORDAN CANNOT ACCEPT (ALTERNATIVELY TRANSLATED "REJECTS) WHAT IS INCLUDED IN PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER TO CONGRESS. I ASKED RIFAI MANY TIMES IN MANY WAYS TO RE-EXAM THIS FORMULATION.

3. ALSO DISCUSSED QUESTION EXTENSIVELY WITH HIM ALONG LINES POSSIBLE STATEMENT PARA 3 REFTTEL. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ON PHONE ALL NIGHT WITH KING AND THAT THEIR MIND WAS MADE UP. IN SPITE OF ALL ARGUMENTS I MADE HE SAID THEY FEEL THEY MUST ISSUE STATEMENT AND THAT THEY ONLY DID US COURTESY OF SEEING ME THIS MORNING BEFORE DOING SO.

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